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GREAT BATTLE OF LIAO YANG

Russians and Japs in Deadly
Conflict. Vast Armies
Engaged

EXPECTED TO BE DECISIVE

St. Petersburg, August 30.—Colonel Gaedke, correspondent of the Tageblatt at Liao Yang, telegraphed to his paper at noon today as follows:

"The deciding battle has been in progress since early dawn. The Russian positions are on the heights surrounding Liao Yang, making a semi-circle of about eight and a half miles from the railroad to the upper Taitse river and averaging about four and one-third miles from the city."

"A magnificent artillery duel is in progress. Since 11 o'clock it has reached extraordinary intensity. At 2:30 a.m. the Russian battery posted on the heights north of the Taitse river began shelling the Japanese, who were attempting to advance on the Anping road."

St. Petersburg, August 31.—5:55 a.m.—The great battle of Liao Yang, which began early Tuesday morning, raged throughout the day with increasing intensity, but up to this hour no further official details but the two brief telegrams given out in the afternoon have been given out.

Every confidence is expressed in General Kuropatkin's ability to meet the Japanese assault on the ground of his own choosing, but the city is hungrily awaiting further news of the progress of the fight.

The Japanese forces engaged in this battle can only be estimated here, but they are believed to number about 200,000 men. General Kuropatkin is known to have six army corps, besides 147 squadrons of cavalry in which great confidence is reposed, bringing up the Russian total to about the same number that the Japanese have. How the armies compare with regard to artillery is not definitely known, though throughout the war the Japanese have shown great preference for this arm and great skill in its use. Reports from the front credit the Japanese with having about 200 guns, and many mountain batteries, and it is known that they recently shipped twenty-four heavy guns to Yinkow. Four of these already have been mentioned in these dispatches as being in action.

General Kuropatkin, in addition to his field batteries, has a number of very heavy guns emplaced at important positions at Liao Yang, where the Russians have been strongly fortifying for some time.

LOCAL MINING NEWS

The United Globe Mines are sinking a shaft on the Geneva mine, situated near the Black Warrior. A great deal of good ore has been mined from what appears to be a blanket ledge on the Geneva, and the present work is undertaken to determine whether the ore goes down.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads, caused by recent heavy rains, the hauling of ore from the Gibson mine to the Old Dominion works has been temporarily suspended. Sam Gibson, who has been in the east for some time, is expected home this week. It was his intention to purchase in Milwaukee a hoist and boiler for the mine.

Manager J. D. Coplen, of the Inspiration Mining company, has so far recovered from his late accident as to be able to give his personal attention to the work being done. Within the past few days some very fine ore has come from the mine, locally known as the Woodson property. A test shipment of ore is soon to be made.

M. L. Davis, who is developing a group of mining claims situated on the strip, twelve miles from the San Carlos agency, was in town early in the week. California parties are interested with Mr. Davis in this property and the intention is to do considerable development work. About an average assay of the ore shows values of \$12 in gold and 53 ounces in silver to the ton, and 12 per cent copper.

Foreign Copper Situation

Messrs. James Lewis & Sons, Liverpool, in their mid-monthly report say: "The large shipments of copper from United States—141,604 tons to date, against 77,022 tons in the same period last year—are steadily absorbed and show a greatly increased consumption in England and on the continent, and

also in the export of manufactured copper and sulphate from England.

The public stocks of copper are so limited that a very moderate amount of speculative buying would quickly affect the price. Such purchases, must, however, be initiated from the United States, as other speculators are not likely to materially enhance the value of copper for the benefit of American producers.

India has been a buyer of manufactured copper, and sales of refined have been made to China. For the latter there has recently been an improved demand from consumers, and some large contracts have been concluded for high conductivity wire.

ENLARGING HOLBROOK SHAFT

Will Have Six Compartments and Be Sunk to 1000 Feet

In a few days now the Copper Queen Holbrook will be operating a six-compartment shaft, says the Bisbee Review. At present it is running a four-compartment. This was sometime ago found inadequate for the work in progress and in prospect at the property. The old compartments will be used for sinking, pumping and handling of timbers.

The Holbrook shaft proper is now down 500 feet. A 100 foot winze, however, practically gives it the 600-foot level. At the 400, 500 and 600-foot levels there are excellent ore bodies being worked. As at the Spray, the depth has made little difference in either quantity or quality of ore. Judging from the deep workings at other properties in the camp, and from conditions existing at the Holbrook, there is every reason to believe that the extensive development planned there for the immediate future, and which the additional new compartments at the shaft are in preparation for, will make it one of the greatest, if not the greatest, mine in the district.

The new work will carry the shaft down to the 1000 or 1200-foot level. To accomplish this work a 750-horse power engine will be installed. It has already been ordered and is expected to arrive shortly. Accompanying it will be a battery of marine boilers of the high-grade type now almost universally in use in the camp. New hoist will also be installed, being now on the way to the camp. These are after the pattern of the new ones for which foundation has been made at the Gardner, and for installation of which arrival of boilers only is awaited. The pumping facilities at the Holbrook will not be increased at the present time, being considered entirely adequate to the demands lowering of the shaft will create.

Effort to Spread the Strike

Chicago, August 30.—A strong effort is to be made by the leaders of the unions now at the stockyards to spread the scope of the strike so that it will include every trade affiliated even to a remote degree with the packing industry. The first step in this direction was taken tonight. The stock handlers now employed at the yards voted to go on a strike tomorrow morning. A hundred of these are employed, their duties being to look after the cattle and feed them in the pens. President Donnelly, of the butchers' union, tonight declared that he will be able to call out all the switchmen employed on the roads that do business at the stockyards and possibly extend the strike to other departments of the railroads.

Sheriff Del Lewis returned to Tombstone on Monday, having in custody William Sessions, wanted for a criminal assault committed upon a girl in the San Pedro valley over a year ago. Sessions was captured in New Mexico.

Mrs. C. D. Reppy, of Florence, who underwent a dangerous operation recently in Los Angeles, is reported to be improving and her complete recovery is probable.

FUNERAL OF CHAS. SYME AT FRENCH GULCH, CAL.

The Redding, Cal., Searchlight of August 27, makes the following mention of the funeral of the late Charles Syme, who lost his life in the flood here on August 17:

"The funeral of Charles Syme at French Gulch Wednesday afternoon was marked by the largest attendance of any ever held in that mining town. Rev. Norman Harris, rector of the Episcopal church in this city, who happens to be spending the summer in the vicinity of French Gulch, spoke at the house. George R. Simmons of French Gulch made a few appropriate remarks at the side of the grave. There were several beautiful floral pieces, the handsomest being from the lodge of Elks at Globe, Arizona. The pall-bearers were William Franck, Henry Franck, Mart Foster, Tim Neubarth, E. Blagrove and R. E. Collins."

DAVID B. HILL'S RETIREMENT

Important Announcement by the Sage of Wolfert's Roost

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—No such interesting announcement has been made in New York politics in years as that which came from Albany tonight that David B. Hill has issued a statement on the eve of his sixty-first birthday that on January 1, 1905, he would retire from politics; that he never would run for elective office again; that if the democracy were successful in the state and nation he would accept no appointment at the hands of the president or governor, and that he would relinquish the leadership of his party in the state.

Mr. Hill's enemies naturally will say he does not mean it, but there was little difference of opinion among the democrats and republicans tonight that his statement taking himself permanently out of politics would do Judge Parkes much good.

One of the chief arguments of the republican managers has been that Judge Parker was under the influence of Mr. Hill and that he would be obliged to discharge obligations to him. The republican newspapers have been filled with accounts of the bad things and none of the good ones that the Hill machine did during the nine years it was in undisputed control at Albany, and this action dampens much of Chairman Cortelyou's talk.

BISBEE PEOPLE DISTURBED

Mass Meeting to Consider Location of Mining Claims in the City

The Bisbee Review of Tuesday says: "Mayor J. S. Taylor has made a call for a special meeting of the city council this evening at the fire house for the purpose of taking immediate steps looking toward relief of property owners in this city from the promiscuous location of mining claims in the heart of the city."

"The mayor was seen last evening, and stated that he favored vigorous action on the part of the council in securing the patent to the Bisbee townsite, which has been hanging fire at Washington for the past two years."

"If Bisbee is to have a townsite, it is high time that prompt action was taken," said the mayor. "Personally, I favor the employment of an attorney at Washington who will push the matter to a speedy hearing before the department, so that the property owners can have secure titles to their property at an early date. We have waited long enough, and we should know at once if we are to receive the patent or not."

"One of the first steps taken by the city council three years ago was the securing of a patent for the townsite of Bisbee. Since that time the question has been continually in the department of the interior, and today seems no nearer of final adjudication than when the first application was filed."

SANTA CRUZ GRAND JURY AND THE BANK CASES

The Nogales Daily News of last Saturday states that the grand jury ignored the three presentments against L. H. Rhaurt, of the defunct International bank. This is in effect a vindication and exoneration of Mr. Rhaurt in the International bank cases.

Several presentments against John Dessart and R. Allyn Lewis were directed by the grand jury to be resubmitted to the December grand jury.

Several indictments were found by the grand jury, and were turned into court at the same time, but no information could be had as to the names of the persons indicted. From the fact that secrecy was observed it may fairly be inferred that the indictments found are, with one exception, against persons who are out of the jurisdiction of the territory. A little more of the deduction would indicate that the bills found are against officers of the bank.

General Lewis has repeatedly asserted that he will come on to Nogales at any time if his presence is required, and his counsel confirm this declaration. He is in St. Louis at present.

L. F. Swain was in Oakland, California, about a fortnight ago, but no one here has recently heard from him. The belief is gaining ground that Swain will not return to Nogales.

John Dessart is confined in the territorial asylum at Phoenix. His mental condition will preclude his trial, certainly for the present.

Desperate Affray at Silver City

An El Paso dispatch of August 30 says: "A band of cowboys made a raid upon Silver City, N.M., last night and as a result of an arrest on the part of the officers to arrest them, Constable Perfecto Rodriguez and City Marshal Wm. Kilbourn are dead, and Howard Chenoweth and Deputy Sheriff John Collier are wounded. Collier came on the scene after the two first named officers were killed, and fortifying himself, he shot Chenoweth, the leader of the band, and then subdued the others."

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO ORGANIZE

Contending Forces by Ruling of
the Chair Given Equal
Strength

ADJOURN TO SEPTEMBER 5

Eleven Ballots Taken and the Result
Always the Same—17 to 17. No
Plan is in Sight Yet to Break
the Deadlock

The delegates to the Gila county democratic convention assembled in the court room last Saturday morning in pursuance to the call issued by the county central committee.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by J. G. Oldfield, chairman of the central committee, who addressed the assembled delegates, stating the business which they were expected to transact, and having a premonition of the coming contest for control of the convention, Mr. Oldfield made a plea for harmony in their deliberations.

The roll call by precinct resulted as follows:

San Carlos—Fred Layton presenting credentials signed by W. G. Duncan, committeeman for the precinct, by the ruling of the chair, was denied recognition, on the ground that his election did not take place on August 20, the day appointed for the holding of primaries. Mr. Layton having been chosen at the mass meeting held several days later. Mr. Layton being the only person from San Carlos precinct demanding a seat and showing credentials, in our opinion, was entitled to participate in the preliminary organization, as much as any delegate present.

Globe—Cyril Byre, Pat Rose, W. Mill Williams, Leroy Ikenberry, Harry Sultan, P. S. Brennan.

Objection to Mr. Brennan was made that he was not a qualified elector and his seat was contested by J. F. Hechtman, who received the highest vote on the Thompson primary ticket. Mr. Brennan, under oath, satisfied the chair of his qualification and he was given his seat.

W. F. Rawlings, Wm. Millholland, C. W. Gibson, J. P. McNeill, Frank L. Gates, Richard Fleming, A. P. Flood, R. C. Sloan, D. S. Heron, Wm. Grayelle, E. T. Stewart by Pat Rose, proxy.

Livingstone—J. W. Voris, half a vote; J. K. Chilton, half a vote, by J. W. Voris, proxy; Marion Sears, by J. W. Voris, proxy.

Roosevelt—S. B. Claypool, J. D. Houston by S. B. Claypool, proxy.

Tonto—S. F. Edwards by J. C. Mankins, proxy; Geo. W. Martin by J. C. Mankins, proxy.

Objection was made to Mr. Mankins, a delegate from Rye precinct holding the proxies of delegates from another precinct, but the objection was overruled by the chair, who explained that it had been permitted in former conventions in this county and in the absence of anything to the contrary stated in the convention call, Mr. Mankins would be allowed to cast the vote of Tonto precinct.

Rye—J. C. Mankins, Fred Haught by J. C. Mankins, proxy.

Payson—R. T. Taylor, August Pieper by R. T. Taylor proxy, Mart McDonald by R. T. Taylor proxy, E. S. Tompkins by R. T. Taylor proxy, J. C. Chilton by R. T. Taylor proxy.

Pine—A. L. Hunt, Frank C. Randall by A. L. Hunt proxy.

Pleasant Valley—R. H. Samuel, M. C. Girdner by R. H. Samuel proxy.

Deadlock.

At the conclusion of the roll call it was apparent that the Shanley and Thompson delegates would have equal voting strength and that it would be impossible to effect a temporary organization if the rival forces remained intact.

The chair having announced that the election of a temporary chairman was in order, J. W. Voris, of J. H. Thompson's forces, placed in nomination R. H. Samuel, of Pleasant Valley, and Cyril Byrre, of the Globe delegation, supporting E. P. Shanley for sheriff, nominated D. S. Heron. It was Globe against the country precincts, with San Carlos barred.

There were no other nominations and a ballot was taken, with the result as foreshadowed—Samuel 17, Heron 17. A second ballot was taken with the same result, and realizing the futility of voting again, on motion, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. At the afternoon session two more ballots were taken with the same result.

The motion was then adopted that

one more ballot be taken and the meeting adjourn till 1 o'clock Monday morning, August 29.

The fifth ballot was the same old thing. The spectators went away burdened with "that tired feeling," and the delegates more doggedly determined to stand by their colors, suggestions of compromise having met with little favor from either side.

Monday morning the delegates all showed up in good form, and were called to order by Chairman Oldfield, who asked what was their pleasure.

Cy's Scheme Failed.

Mr. Byrne made an unexpected move, proposing that Roberts' Rules of Order be adopted to govern the deliberations until a temporary organization was effected. It was regarded by the opposition as a scheme to eliminate Chairman Oldfield. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. Another ballot was taken, the sixth, and the deadlock remained unbroken.

After a motion to adjourn had been lost Mr. Heron offered the following: "That the chair appoint a committee of six; that these six select a seventh, and that the seven act as a committee on credentials." This motion was seconded by Dr. Claypool, who immediately withdrew his second, and the motion failed.

Adjournment was then taken till 2 o'clock p. m.

There was no change at the afternoon session. Ballots 7 and 8 were taken. Mr. Samuel receiving 17 votes and Mr. Heron 17 on each ballot.

Without further ado the delegates by unanimous consent adjourned until Tuesday, August 30, at 10 a. m.

Suggesting Plans for Settlement

Tuesday's proceedings varied but little from the deliberations of previous sessions. The only diversion was a motion offered and seconded that the question of the nomination of a sheriff be eliminated and that the convention, when organized, proceed to the nomination of the other candidates.

It was not explained, however, how an organization could be effected, and the chair sat down on the plan as impracticable.

As the noon recess, in caucus, the proposition was made from the Thompson side in a modified form. The nomination of a sheriff was to be made the last business of the convention, all contests were to be dismissed and no committee on credentials named. The Shanley people were to name the temporary chairman and after organizing the convention was to proceed with the nomination of candidates for all other offices save that of sheriff. A written agreement embodying these points was to be signed by all the delegates. The proposal was rejected by the Shanley side.

Three ballots were taken on Tuesday—the ninth, tenth and eleventh.

Offers Rejected

Proffers of compromise and discussions after adjournment Tuesday availed nothing. At one time it was said that Mr. Shanley had offered to withdraw if Mr. Thompson would, permitting the convention to name a compromise candidate for sheriff. This was not accepted.

Mr. Thompson offered the suggestion that either Shanley or himself withdraw and that the one remaining and receiving the nomination pay the expenses incurred by the other in the contest up to that time. This proposition did not suit Mr. Shanley.

On Wednesday morning when Chairman Oldfield called the delegates to order, there being no change in the situation, it was moved and seconded, and the motion carried, to adjourn until Monday, September 5, at the hour of 2 p. m.

At the present writing there appears to be no effort being made to reach an agreement, but there are those who express the belief that a solution of the problem will be found before the delegates reassemble next Monday.

A POSTPONED WEDDING

Preacher Failed to Keep Engagement
and Contracting Couple Went to
El Paso to Be Married

An interesting wedding that had been arranged to take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Oldfield early on Wednesday morning last, had to be deferred owing to the failure of the minister engaged to officiate to appear at the hour appointed, and the contracting parties, Robert C. Sloan and Miss Daisy Oldfield, who had made all preparations to leave the same morning on their wedding tour, concluded to carry out their intention and await their arrival in El Paso the same evening to have the nuptial knot tied.

Although it was a disappointment to the relatives of the bride and the few friends invited to witness the ceremony and partake of the wedding breakfast, nevertheless Mr. Sloan and his fiancée were dismissed with a blessing and a shower of rice, and went away happy in their love and confidence each for the other.

Robert C. Sloan, the groom, has been a resident of this section for many years. He is engaged extensively in the cattle business and is a substantial and popular citizen.

Miss Daisy Oldfield is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Oldfield, and is a young lady of pleasing personality, attractive and accomplished.

Mr. Sloan and bride will visit relatives at San Saba, Texas, and will probably extend their trip to the world's fair city.

The SILVER BELT extends congratulations.

MARK SMITH SEES VICTORY

Says the Outlook in the East for
Democratic Success Is Bright

Mark Smith, who returned to Tucson from the east last week, is full of democratic enthusiasm. Interviewed by a Citizen representative, he said:

"During my absence I attended the St. Louis convention, visited my old home in Kentucky, made a short stay in Washington, New York and Indiana, and attended the notification of Judge Parker at his home at Esopus."

"The democratic presidential candidate," continued Mr. Smith, "is a fine wholesome specimen of the genuine American. He is more than six feet tall, red headed blue eyed, self contained, affable, able, cheerful, and I believe just about as stubborn as Cleveland. He is a serious statesman, who fully realizes the responsibilities that have been placed on him, and while he carries with him natural dignity, perhaps somewhat enhanced by his long service on the bench, still he is one of the most approachable of men and never betrays the ungentelemanly trait of taking his own personality too seriously."

"In New York I found the Democrats more hopeful, better organized, better equipped for the fight than at any time since 1892. Tammany is loyal and will fight fair. You know, Tammany's chief asset is its regularity, and its never failing effort to fight the enemy at all times. Sometimes the up state democratic leaders, as a matter of policy, try to cast suspicion on Tammany. This always makes Tammany do its best, because a Tammany suspected of failing in any effort to make a democratic majority would be a weak, crippled and discredited Tammany, deprived of its chief weapon in New York politics. No, you need not fear that Tammany will not do its whole duty. When the votes are counted in November if there is not a democratic majority of 125,000 in Greater New York, I will be a much disappointed man."

"The republican leaders privately admit that they have little hope of carrying New York state, and conservative democrats who have their hands on the situation, told me with absolute confidence that Parker would beat Roosevelt in New York state by more than 50,000 majority. The democratic managers, too, feel certain of carrying New Jersey and Connecticut and are going to make a hard fight in Rhode Island, where the prospects are encouraging. I have no doubt that Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia will be safely anchored in the democratic mooring, and from what I could learn in Indiana during a two weeks' stay in that state, the democrats have all the confidence and the republicans all the apprehension."

W. F. Harte, proprietor of the Modern dairy, has recently purchased a handsome new milk wagon, made by B. G. Jackson of Globe. Mr. Harte has some high grade milk cows, and he finds a demand for all the milk he can supply.

A DEAD PROSPECTOR FOUND ON PINTO CREEK

Bud Cox arrived from Pinto creek last Thursday and informed the authorities that he and his brother Will had found the remains of a man the day before, on the west fork of Pinto creek, 25 miles west of Globe.

Friday morning Justice C. C. Carico and Under Sheriff Pollard Pearson accompanied Cox to Pinto creek to investigate the matter. They found the body as Cox had stated, in a lonely spot, a few miles above Horrell's ranch.

Appearance indicated that the man had gone into night camp without lighting a fire and had died a natural death, as an examination of the skull, body and clothing of the deceased failed to reveal any bullet holes or other wounds. Papers found in the pockets of the deceased indicated that his name was George Pfennig. Among the papers was a bill for goods bought from George Lobb at Silver King, dated June 29, and after examining the body Mr. Carico concluded that he was about 70 years of age and must have been dead nearly, if not quite, a month. His faithful dog, a black and white shepherd, had remained and died at his master's side.

One peculiar thing, which might arouse suspicion as to the manner of the man's death, was that a shovel was found under his back. The outfit also indicated that Pfennig had a companion, as there were two shovels and two picks, and evidences that two burros had been tied up and broken loose. There was also steel and giant powder and flour, bacon and some other provisions which had not been disturbed. No money, watch or gun were discovered.

The body was buried near where it was found and the grave marked so that it can be identified for some time to come.